

SENATE BILL No. 218

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Study commission for single payer health coverage. Establishes a single payer health coverage commission to evaluate and make recommendations before December 1, 2008, concerning implementation of a single payer health coverage system in Indiana.

Effective: Upon passage.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "commission" refers to the single payer health**
3 **coverage commission established by subsection (b).**

4 **(b) The single payer health coverage commission is established.**

5 **(c) The commission consists of the following members who serve**
6 **at the pleasure of the appointing authority:**

7 **(1) Four (4) members appointed by the speaker of the house**
8 **of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be**
9 **members of the same political party.**

10 **(2) Four (4) members appointed by the president pro tempore**
11 **of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be members**
12 **of the same political party.**

13 **(3) Four (4) members appointed by the governor, not more**
14 **than two (2) of whom may be members of the same political**
15 **party.**

16 **A member of the general assembly may not be appointed to the**
17 **commission.**

18 **(d) Each appointing authority specified in subsection (c) shall**



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1 appoint members from different regions of the state, including:

- 2 (1) one (1) member who has health insurance expertise;
- 3 (2) one (1) member who is a health care provider;
- 4 (3) one (1) member who is a human resources representative
- 5 in business or government; and
- 6 (4) one (1) member who is a consumer with health insurance
- 7 knowledge.

8 (e) The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the

9 commission from among the members appointed under subsection

10 (c)(3).

11 (f) The commission shall do the following:

12 (1) Compile, review, and evaluate information concerning

13 single payer health coverage systems, including:

14 (A) analysis of each model of single payer health coverage

15 system that exists in another state or country;

16 (B) data demonstrating success, failure, problems, and

17 solutions to problems with regard to each single payer

18 health coverage system that exists in another state or

19 country;

20 (C) potential public and private resources and methods to

21 use in establishing a single payer health coverage system.

22 (2) Make recommendations for a variety of possibilities, and

23 enumeration of perceived strengths and weaknesses of each

24 possibility, for implementation of a single payer health

25 coverage system to provide health coverage for every Indiana

26 resident. The recommendations must be made for

27 consideration by the governor and the general assembly in

28 working toward providing health coverage for every Indiana

29 resident, and include possibilities for a:

30 (A) dedicated source of funding for the single payer health

31 coverage system; and

32 (B) plan of health coverage to be provided through the

33 single payer health coverage system.

34 (g) The commission shall make the recommendations required

35 by subsection (f) to the governor and, in an electronic format under

36 IC 5-14-6, to the legislative council before December 1, 2008.

37 (h) The department of insurance and the state department of

38 health shall staff the commission.

39 (i) The expenses of the commission shall be paid by the

40 department of insurance.

41 (j) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee

42 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by

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1 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
2 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
3 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
4 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
5 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
6 agency.

7 (k) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
8 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
9 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
10 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
11 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
12 procedures established by the Indiana department of
13 administration and approved by the budget agency.

14 (l) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
15 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
16 take action on any measure.

17 (m) This SECTION expires December 31, 2008.

18 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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